The School of GRACE;

Or, *A Book of Good Nurture,*
for the Admonition and Instruction of
Youth and Age in the fear of the Lord.
With Godly Instructions, Graces, & Prayers
describing the whole Duty of a Christian.

By J. Hart, B. B. The 19th. Edition.

Fear God, Honour the King.

Printed for Wm. Thackeray and T. Passinger.

Come ye Children, hearken unto me, and I will teach you the fear of the Lord, Psalm 34. 11.

BODLEIAN 26 AUG 1946 LIBRARY

ildren obey your Parents in the Lord, for this is right.

nour thy Father and Mother (which is the first Commandment with promise.)

t it may be well with thee, and thou yest live long on the Earth.

ye Fathers provoke not your Children to wrath; but bring them up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord.

The Blessed Apostle, in the former Chapter; having laid down several Christian duties in the general, comes here to assert and lay down the several Duties.

1. Of Husbands and Wives.
2. Of Children and Parents.
3. Of Masters and Servants.

These words contain the particular Duties of Children and Parents; Children obey your Parents; here is the Childrens Duty.

Secondly, here is the manner of performance of this Duty, in the Lord; Children obey your Parents in the Lord.

In the next place the Apostle does lay down several Reasons and motives to encourage Christian Children to this Christian Duty.

1. It is Gods Commandment so to do: Honour thy Father and Mother.

2. It is very beneficial for Children so to do; for first it shall be well with them if they do so, and secondly, their days shall be long upon the Earth.

In the second place, we have here the duty of Parents; First, Negatively, what Parents should not do. And then secondly, Affirmatively, what they should do.

1. Negatively, they should not provoke their Children to Wrath.

And 2. Affirmatively, They must bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

From the words thus opened, I gather these two Observations.

1. That

1. That it is the duty of Children to obey their Parents in the Lord.

2. That it is the duty of Parents to Educate, instruct, and bring up their Children in the fear of the Lord.

Hearken to thy Father that begat thee, saith Solomon, and despise not thy Mother when she is old, Prov. 23. 22.

Train up a Child in his Youth, saith Solomon, in the way he should go, and he will not depart from it, Prov. 22. 6.

Now that I may the better inforce this Duty, I shall a little open the particular duties of both. For one main reason why Children do so much neglect their Duty, is because Parents are so negligent of their own Duties: for if Parents did take more care (as their Duty is) to bring up their Children in the fear of God, surely Children would make more Conscience of performing their duty to their Parents. And that Children and Parents for the time to come may the better perform their Duties, I shall lay down sundry Christian and Godly Directions, suitable to all persons upon

all occasions, and so conclude with some few patterns of Prayers and Graces, for the better benefit and Instruction of Children in the fear of God.

The first Duty of Parents is, That they give their Children Christian Baptism, and thereby to Dedicate them unto the Lord.

Secondly, Give unto your Children good Examples, for Children are prone by nature to follow the bad Example of any, more especially their Parents.

Thirdly, Pray unto God for a Blessing upon thy Children, that God would make them his Children, by enriching their Souls with Grace.

Fourthly, Learn to instruct them betimes by some good Catechisms, in the Principles of Christian Religion: and to Instruction, wisely add Correction: For he that spareth the Rod, saith Solomon, hateth his Child, but he that loveth him Chastneth him.

Fifthly, Keep a constant and awful Authority over them, not suffering them to be irreverent: for this end, according to ancient and laudible custom, teach them reverently to ask thee blessing on their Knees.

Sixthly,

Sixthly, Labour to suppress all Sin, and wickedness in thy Children: and to this end suffer them not to lye, swear, curse, or prophane the Lords day, else will thy Children have cause to curse thee to all Eternity. We find it recorded in Scripture of Godly Parents, Educating their Children in the fear of the Lord: Abraham commanded his Children and Servants, Gen. 8. 16. So likewise Joshua and Holy David, Job, and others. The Godly Life of the Child discovers the Godliness of the Parents: and thus if thou labourest to bring up thy Children in the fear of God, that thy Children may be Gods Children, how Gloriously then have you provided for them? God is their Father, and they that have God for their Father shall never want: for as the Apostle saith, Godliness is profitable, having the promise of the Life that now is, and the Life to come. Though thou leavest but a little of this World, yet remember God hath provided a Kingdom for them that serve him.

Lastly, Cause thy Children frequently to frequent the Ordinances of Christ, both publique and private; do not only pray with them, and for them, but cause them to pray

for

for themselves, and one for another; bring them constantly to hear the publick Preaching of the word of God, and be allured by the blessing of God, your Children may be enriched with Grace here, and filled with glory hereafter; and in so doing thou may'st have joy and comfort; God may have Glory and honour, and thy Children Everlasting life, through Jesus Christ.

Now the Duty of Children to their Parents, in the first place you see, is Obedience; Children obey your Parents in the Lord; And this obedience of Children to their Parents, you see it must be in the Lord, and only in the Lord: for if Parents command their Children to do any thing contrary to the Word of God, then they are not to obey them, they sin in so doing; for remember we must obey God rather than Man.

Children are to learn good Instructions from their Parents; My Son, saith Solomon, hear the Instruction of thy Father, and forsake not the law of thy Mother, Prov. 1. 1. &c.

3. Children are to honour and reverence their Parents; Honour thy Father and thy Mother, (saith the Lord) Honour thy Pa-

Parents, by thy modest, silent, humble and respective carriage towards them.

Fourthly, Children ought to be thankful to their Parents, endeavouring if need be, to requite them for their Fatherly love and care towards them: honouring, relieving, and supplying them in all their several needs and necessities. And thus much briefly of the Duties of Parents and Children.

I come now in the next place to give you some directions and instructions for the better performance of those several Duties: And my first advice to Children is, that they make daily Prayers to God. How precious a thing is it to hear Children praying, and how dreadful a thing to hear them Swearing and Cursing as soon as they can speak: God loves to hear his Children Praying; our Saviour received little Children in his arms, and unto little Children the Kingdom of Heaven belongs: And as a good Man saith; I had rather have my House filled with my Childrens Prayers, than with Diamonds and Pearls.

Secondly, Take heed of telling Lies: Lye not one to another, saith the Apostle, Let your Communion be yea, yea, and nay,

nay, nay, saith our Saviour. Remember Lyars shall have their part in Fire and Brimstone, Rev. 22. 4.

Thirdly, Delight thy self in Reading good Books, read not foolish and wanton Books and Ballads, which tend only to the nourishment of Vice.

Fourthly, Let not thy Children scoff and jeer at the Antient, be they never so poor; Remember the dreadful Judgment of God upon those wicked Children, in 2 Kin. 2. 23, 24. who mocked and scoffed at the Prophet, they in derision called the Prophet Bald-pate, and God in judgment for this wickedness, caused two Bears to devour two and forty of them. Love the Poor and plead their cause; remember what God saith, Blessed is he that considereth the Poor and Needy.

Fifthly frequent the Word of God, sleep not at Church, or at prayer, for remember, whosoever sleeps at Church, or at Prayer, the Devil rocks the Cradle.

Sixthly, Let thy Apparel be decent and comely; take heed of Pride in thy Apparel; Remember Jezabel her wicked end, how sadly God met with her in her Painting; those Persons who are so curious in Painting and dyel-

dreſſing themſelves, ſurely the Devil holds them the Looking-Glaſs.

Seventhly, Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it Holy; for ſurely thoſe Children that Swear and Lye, and break the Sabbath are the Devils Children, and they that ſpend the Sabbath in Playing and Gaming, have the Devil for their Play-fellow. Take heed then, I ſay, that you make not the Lords day, a day of Sports and Paſtime: (as the Children of the Devil do.) Remember God hath allowed thee ſix days, do not then be ſo wicked as to rob him of the ſeventh: but God did not appoint the Sabbath for a day of ſporting and pleaſure, but for a day of Worſhipping and ſerving God, a Day for Preaching and Prayer: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy.

Eeighthly, See that ye reverence and eſteem the Miniſters of Gods Holy Word, account of them as they are indeed the Miniſters of Chriſt. Remember what our Saviour ſaith, He that deſpiſeth you, ſaith he to his Apoſtles, deſpiſeth me, and he that deſpiſeth me, ſhall be for ever deſpiſed of God.

Ninthly, If thou beeſt a Child of God, avoid

avoid then the Company of the Devils Children, that is, such as Swear and Curse, and Lye, and Steal, and use all manner of filthy talk. Keep not company with such least thou for thy pains learnest their Vices, and so partake of their punishment: that so when others shall answer for their idle words, thou may'st be rewarded.

Tenthly, *Love*, honour and obey your *Parents* in the *Lord*: Consider how God hath commanded you so to do; and God will severely punish those that dispise their Parents: see that dreadful place, *Prov.* 30.17. The eye that mocketh his Father and dispiseth to obey his *Mother*, the Ravens of the Valley shall pick it out, and the young Eagle shall eat it.

Eleventhly, Remember thy Creator in the days of thy Youth: Labour to serve God with the strength and best of thy days: Live to God whilst thou livest, and thou shalt be sure to live with God when thou Dyest: Remember Samuel, how he was dedicated to God from his Birth, and Timothy, how he recovered, that of a Child he had known the Holy Scriptures.

Lastly, Walk constantly in the fear of the Lord, all the day long, in the Morning

when

when thou riſeſt, bleſs God for his merciful preſervation of thee the night paſt, give him thanks for that he hath given thee to ſee the light of another day, and when thou prepareſt thy ſelf for thy Bed, prepare thy ſelf as for thy Grave, remembring that many go to Bed and never riſe again: and therefore do not ſleep till thou haſt committed thy ſelf by Prayer to God; for ſurely they that go to Bed without Praying, the Devil is their Bed-fellow.

Now that thou mayeſt carefully perform thoſe things, in the firſt place ſeek to God by Prayer, for God loves Praying Children; be ſure to pray unto God both morning and evening, and when thou prayeſt ſay;

Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily Bread: And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that Treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation. But deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and glory, for ever and ever, *Amen.*

This is the Prayer which Chriſt himſelf

self commands us to use, and therefore it is called, The Lords Prayer, the best pattern for Prayer in the whole world. Therefore it were to be wished, that all Parents would be careful to teach their Children the Lords Prayer, as soon as they can be fit to learn it, and having learned this by heart, then let them use some other, and so use both together.

A short form of Prayer, very necessary for Children and Youth, to be used in the Morning.

O Lord our God, thou art the Father of Heaven, and the Father of mercies, by whom alone we live, and move and have our being: who tookest us out of our Mothers Womb, & hast ever since preserved us to this day, blessed be thy name, We bless thee that thou hast safely defended us this night past, that thou hast brought us safe to the beginning of another day; We pray thee defend us in the same by thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin; keep us safe from the temptation of Sathan: Deliver us, we pray thee, from all evil; and grant,

O Lord, that we may live this day, and all the rest of our days, as becometh thy Children, in Holiness and true Righteousness: bless our Parents, O Lord, give them Grace that they may bring us up in thy fear, and instruct us in the ways of thy Commandments; as thou hast made us their Children by nature, good Lord make us thy Children by Grace; that so we may obey our Parents, and serve thee our God all our days, that so it may be well with us here and hereafter: Bless, O Lord, all the rest of our friends; O Lord, let our friends be thy friends; give us Grace to serve thee here with all our strength, and with all our might, that so when this mortal Life shall be ended, we may live and reign with thee for ever in Glory. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and make his face to shine upon us, and the Lord be with us, both in our going forth and in our coming in, this day, and all our days, for ever and ever. Amen.

An Evening Prayer for Children.

O Most holy, most gracious, and most Glorious Lord God, we thy poor Children do here again prostrate our selves before thy Majesty this Evening, humbly beseeching thee for Jesus Christ his sake, to pardon and forgive us all our Sins, and to blot out our Transgressions out of thy Remembrance; we confess Lord, we are by nature Children of Wrath, but we pray thee make us thy Children, O Lord, by Grace and Adoption: and as we grow in years, so Lord, we pray thee, let us grow in Grace; let us not be children in malice and wickedness, but Children in Love and Unity: as thou hast loved us, O Lord, so we pray thee let us love thee our God, and love one another. Bless our Parents in their Bodies, especially bless them in their Souls, bless them in their Baskets and in their Stores; instruct them, O Lord, that they may instruct us, be with us all this Night in our down-lying, O Lord, let us sleep in thy fear, let us lye down in thy love, and rise again in thy favour, and grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that whether sleeping or waking, living or dying, we may be always thine: watch over us this Night,

and

and defend us in the same by thy mighty power, and preserve us from sin, defend us from Satan, continue thy love to us, and be with us and all ours: Bless, Guide, preserve, defend and keep us, both in Soul and in Body, this night and evermore; Amen.

And then if thou wouldest be a Child of God, always after Prayer in the morning, let that you Read some Lesson or Chapter out of the Bible, and be always Reading of good Books, as The Practice of Piety; the Plain-mans Path-way to Heaven; Mrs. *Baxter*'s Call to the Unconverted; The Great Assize, the Silver Watch-Bell, and others: and be sure thou never lookest upon any vain foolish selling Book, which tend only to the nourishment of Sin, and spending of precious time, but delight thy self in reading the Holy Bible, and other Godly Books, that so the Lord may bless thee here, and thou mayest be blessed hereafter, for Godliness hath not only the promise of this life, but of the life to come, that thou mayest give account at the great and Terrible Day of Judgement, as well by every vain word thou hearest, as for every vain word thou speakest; when thou

are allowed to be merry, laying aside all ungodly Songs and Ballads, which tend only to the nourishment of Vice and Wickedness, and the corruption of Youth. If any be merry let him sing Psalms, the Apostle doth not say, If any be merry, let him sing merry Songs and merry Ballads; but if any be merry let him sing Psalms. And be sure always that you sing with Grace in your heart, making melody to the Lord.

PSALM CXXVIII.

BLessed art thou that feareſt God,
and walkeſt in his way,
For of thy Labour thou ſhalt eat,
Happy art thou I ſay,
Like fruitful Vine on the Houſe ſide,
ſo doth thy Wife ſpring out,
The Children ſtand like Olive Plants,
thy Table round about.
Thus art thou bleſt that feareſt God,
and he ſhall let thee ſee,
The promiſed *Jeruſalem*,
and her Felicity.
Thou ſhalt thy Childrens Children ſee,
to thy great joys increaſe,
And likewiſe Grace to *Iſrael*,
proſperity and peace.

Then

Then in the next place be sure to get and learn some good Catechism, that so thou mayest be instructed in the Principles of Religion; as that excellent Catechism of Mr. Perkins, called, The six Principles of Religion, Mr. Balls Catechism, &c.

A Short but Necessary *Catechism* for Children.

Q. WHo made you?

A. God.

Q. For what did God make you?

A. God made me that I might serve him and for his glory.

Q. Who Redeemed you?

A. Jesus Christ.

Q. From what did Christ Jesus Redeem you?

A. Jesus Christ redeemed me by his blood from Sin and Hell.

Q. Who sanctified and preserved you?

A. God the Holy Ghost.

Q. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit.

Q. How many Gods are there?

A. One only true God, divided into three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

Q. In what state did God make man at first?

A. God made man at first after his own Image, in Righteousness and True Holiness.

Q. Did man continue in this state?

A. No.

Q. How did he fall?

A. By disobeying the Commandments of God, in eating the forbidden Fruit.

Q. What followed thereupon?

A. Thereupon followed Sin, Death, and Hell.

Q. Did God leave man in this fallen estate?

A. No, God provided for fallen Man, a Saviour and Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ the Righteous.

Q. How many Commandments are there?

A. Ten.

Q. Which be they? let me hear you rehearse them.

I. Thou

I.

Thou ſhalt have no other Gods before me.

II.

Thou ſhalt not make unto thee any graven Image, nor the likeneſs of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the

Earth beneath, or that is in the water under the Earth: thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my Commandments.

III.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV.

Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy, six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work; thou, nor thy Son, nor thy Daughter, thy Man-Servant, nor thy Maid Servant, nor thy Cattel, nor the Stranger that is within thy gates, for in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

V.

Honour thy Father and thy Mother; that thy days may be long in the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI.

Thou shalt not kill.

VII.

Thou shalt not commit Adultery:

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal.

IX.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy Neighbour.

X.

Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours House, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours Wife, nor his Man-Servant, nor his Maid-servant, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is thy Neighbours.

Q. What dost thou chiefly learn by these Commandments?

A. I learn by these Commandments, that it is my duty to serve God according to his Mind, and love my Neighbour as my self.

M. Art thou able to keep the Commandments?

A. No.

M. How then ſhalt thou expect to be ſaved?

A. Only by Faith in Jeſus Chriſt.

M. What is Faith?

A. Faith is the Gift of God, whereby we lay hold on Jeſus Chriſt for Eternal Salvation. Rehearſe the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth. And in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin *Mary*, ſuffered under *Pontius Pilate*, was Crucified, Dead and Buried, he deſcended into Hell, the third day he aroſe again from the Dead, he aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth at the Right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he ſhall come to judge both the quick and the Dead. I believe in the Holy Ghoſt, the Holy Catholick Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveneſs of ſins, the Reſurrection of the Body, and the life Everlaſting; *Amen.*

Certain

Certain Graces, fit to be learned of every Child that desires to be a Child of God.

Grace before Meat.

WHether ye eat or drink, saith St. Paul, do all to the Glory of God; Amen.

BLessed Lord, in whom we live, move, and have our being, we do most humbly beseech thee to bless these thy Creatures, to the use of our Bodies, sanctifie them to us, and sanctifie us to thy self, forgive us our sins, and make us partakers of thy heavenly Table; Amen.

God save his Church, our King, Queen, and Realm, and send peace and Truth, in Christ our Lord: *Amen.*

Grace after Meat.

CHrist, which at his Last Supper, gave himself unto us, promising his Body to be Crucified, and his blood to be shed for our sins, bless us and our Meat; Amen.

Grace before Meat.

O Father of mercy and God of all consolation, which hast Created us for thy Glory, and these thy good Creatures for our use; bless and sanctifie them we beseech thee, that by the moderate receiving thereof, our Bodies may be nourished, and thy name ever-more be praised, through Jesus Christ our only Lord and blessed Saviour, *Amen.*

Grace before Meat.

O Merciful Lord Jesus Christ, which didst take the five Loaves and two Fishes, and lifting up thine Eyes unto Heaven didst distribute them unto the people, and they all did eat and were satisfied, being above five thousand Men beside Women and Children; we beseech thee both to bless these Gifts which we are about to receive at thy hands, and us also, that they may be to the comfort and health of our Bodys, and we may (for them and other thy benefits) be ever-more thankful unto thee; To whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Grace after Meat.

O Lord God, Almighty and most mer-
ciful Father, thou hast not only given unto
us meat and drink to sustain our mortal bo-
dies, but thou hast likewise given unto us thy
blessed Word, which is the only food of our
immortal Souls, through our blessed Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom there-
fore with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all ho-
nour, praise and thanks for ever. *Amen.*

Grace after Meat.

O Lord, which art the Creator of all
Creatures, and hast mercifully provided
them according to the nature of their Cre-
tion: We most heartily thank thee for those
thy Creatures, which at this time we have re-
ceived in thy Name, beseeching thee O Fa-
ther, that as our Bodies are now by those
Gifts refreshed, our Souls may likewise nou-
rished with the Food of the everlasting Life, in
the most Holy Testament, confirmed with the
Blood and Death of Jesus Christ, thine Son our
Saviour: to whom with thee and the Holy
Ghost, be all Honour, Glory and Praise for e-
ver. *Amen.*

Grace

Grace after Meat.

BLessed be thy name, O Lord our God, for all thy mercies and favours continually bestowed upon us, thou that hast at this time fed our weak Bodies with thy good creatures, we pray thee likewise to feed our Souls with the Heavenly food of thy word; that we receiving at thy Fatherly hands, food both for our Bodies and Souls, may live and grow in all Godliness, through Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour; Amen.

Another after Meat.

THe King of Eternal Glory, who hath at this time fed our Corporal Bodies, make us partakers of thy Heavenly Table; Amen.

Grace after Meat.

WHatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; give thanks unto God the Father by him, to whom all blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honour, power, and might, be ascribed for evermore; Amen.

Certain

Certain QUESTIONS

with their ANSWERS, Necessary for Parents to ask and teach their children for their instruction in the Holy Scriptures.

Q. WHo was the first man?
A. Adam.

Q. Who was the first Woman?

A. Eve.

Q. Of what did *God* make man?

A. God made man of the dust of the earth.

Q. Of what did *God* make the Woman?

A. Of one of the Mans Ribs.

Q. Where did Adam and Eve dwell?

A. In Paradice.

Q. What

Q. What cast Adam out of Paradice?

A. Sin.

Q. Who was the best man?

A. The Man Christ Jesus.

Q. Who slew his Brother?

A. Cain.

Q. Who was the first *Martyr*?

A. Abel.

Q. Who was the Oldest *Man*?

A. Methuselah.

Q. Who was the man that God saved when he drowned the World?

A. Noah.

Q. Who wrestled with God?

A. Jacob.

Q. What was his name called after he had wrestled with God?

A. Israel.

Q. How many Sons had Jacob?

A. Twelve, of whom came the twelve Tribes of Israel.

Q. What were their names?

A. Reuben and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun, and Joseph, and Benjamin, Dan, and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. These were the twelve Patriarchs.

Q. Who

M. Who was the Faithfuleſt Man that ever lived?

A. Abraham, who is called the Father of the Faithful.

M. Who was the meekeſt Man?

A. Moſes.

M. Who was the hard-heartedſt man?

A. Pharaoh.

M. Who was the patienteſt man?

A. Job.

M. Who was the man after Gods own heart?

A. David.

M. Who was the Wiſeſt man?

A. Solomon.

M. Who was the ſtrongeſt man?

A. Sampſon.

M. Who wrote the Scriptures?

A. Holy Men of God, inſpired by the Holy Ghoſt.

M. Who was it that came before Jeſus Chriſt?

A. John the Baptiſt.

M. Who was the firſt Martyr after Chriſt?

A. Stephen.

M. What death did he dye?

A. He was Stoned.

M. Where

Q. Where was Christ born?

A. In Bethelem.

Q. Who was the Mother of our Lord Iesus Christ?

A. The Virgin Mary.

Q. Who was the reputed Father of our Lord Jesus Christ?

A. Joseph a Carpenter.

Q. Who betrayed his Lord & Master?

A. Judas.

Q. What did he betray him for?

A. For the love of Money, which is the root of all evil.

Q. For how much money did *Judas* sell his master?

A. For thirty pieces of Silver.

Q. What became of *Judas* after he had betrayed Christ?

A. He went and hanged himself.

Q. Who denyed Christ?

A. Peter.

Q. What became of *Peter* after he had denyed Christ?

A. He went out and wept bitterly.

Q. Who Condemned Christ?

A. Pontius Pilate.

Q. Who Crucified Jesus Christ?

A. The Bloody Jews.

Q. Out

Q. Out of whom did Christ cast seven Devils?

A. Mary Magdalen.

Q. Which was the beloved Disciple of Jesus Christ?

A. John.

Q. Who forsook Christ for the love of the World?

A. Demas.

Q. Who are the best Children?

A. They that fear God and keep his Commandments, and obey their Parents.

Q. Who are the worst Children?

A. They that Lye and Sweat, Steal, and break the Sabbath, and despise God, and break his Holy and Righteous Commandments.

Q. What become of the Wicked when they dye?

A. They are cast into Hell, there to be tormented with the Devil and his Angels.

Application.

AND so I now come in the last place to wind up all in a word of Application, both to Parents and Children; and then in the first place, if it be the duty of Parents to instruct their Children in the fear of God, then you may observe from hence the great wickedness of such wicked Parents, who instead of instructing their Children in the fear of God, bring them up in all manner of sin and wickedness: How many such wicked Parents are there in the World, who forbid their Children to hear Sermons, and to read good Books, but on the contrary, teach their Children to despise Holiness, and encourage them in all manner of wickedness. Oh wretched Sinner, hadst thou rather have thy Child the Devils Child, then Gods Child? will you neither be Holy your selves, nor suffer your Children to be Holy? Will it not one day be miserable enough, think you, to damn your own Soul, but must you also drive your Children to Hell before you? The Lord awaken all such Parents. Is it not enough that you have made your Children the Children of Wrath,

as

as all Men, Women, and Children are by nature, for as holy David said, so may we all, We are conceived in sin, and in Iniquity were we brought forth. But will ye also hinder them from being made Children of Grace? are not your Children prone enough to sin of themselves, but must you also help on their Damnation? are there not Devils enough to tempt them to sin, but must you also prove Devils incarnate to them your selves? are not your Children always near enough, even at the brink of Hell, and will ye also seek to tumble them into the Lake of Fire? do you think the way to Heaven is to despise Preaching, and to mock at Holiness? ought not you to be nursing Fathers, and nursing Mothers to your Children, and will you nurse them up for the Devil? Let wicked Parents tremble and tremble.

Secondly, Here is also a use of comfort for all Gods Children, they that fear God, and spend their time in Reading and Praying, they shall for ever be Singing Praises and Hallelujahs to God in Heaven, where thou shalt be with God and Christ, Saints and Angels to all Eternity, when those Wicked Children who delight in nothing

but Swearing and Lying, who despise Holiness, and would not walk in the ways of God, shall be sent to Hell with a, Go ye Cursed into Everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels: Ah! poor Creatures, they delighted in Cursing, and now they are Cursed: they despised Holiness, but now they are despised themselves: this shall be the portion of all the wicked, they shall be tumbled into Hell, when Gods Children shall be received into Heaven. I beseech you then, as you love your own precious Souls, if you would escape this Hell, if you would enjoy this Heaven, then for the Lords sake, Children, be Holy, pray Morning and Evening, obey your Parents, love God, serve him with all your Souls, if ye do thus, and be thus, then blessed shall ye be: for Christ shall say unto you, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: unto which Kingdom the Lord bring us all, Amen.

Now for the furtherance of Holiness, I have here thought fit to insert a very Godly Morning and Evening Prayer, to be used in Families.

A Morning Prayer for a Family.

ALmighty God, most merciful Father, we do not present our selves here before thy Majesty, trusting in our own merits, or Worthiness, but in thy manifold mercies, which hast promised to hear our Prayers, and grant our requests which we shall make to thee in the Name of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who hath also commanded us to assemble our selves together in his Name, with full assurance that he will not only be amongst us, but also be our Mediator and Advocate towards thy Majesty, that he may obtain all things which shall seem expedient to thy blessed will for our Necessities: Therefore we beseech thee most merciful Father, to turn thy loving Countenance towards us, and impute not to us our manifold sins and Offences, where we may justly deserve thy wrath and sharp punishment; but rather receive us to thy mercy for Jesus Christs sake, accepting his Death and Passion as a just recompence for all our Offences, in whom only thou art pleased, and through whom thou canst not be offended with us, and seeing of thy great Mercies, we have

quietly passed this night: grant, O Heavenly Father, that we may bestow this day wholly in thy service, so that our thoughts, words, and deeds, may redound to the glory of thy name, and good example of all Men, who seeing our good works, may glorifie thee our Heavenly Father. And forasmuch as of thy meer favour and love, thou hast not only created us in thy own similitude and likeness, but also hast chosen us to be Heirs with thy dear Son Jesus Christ, of that immortal Kingdom which thou preparedst for us before the beginning of the world: we beseech thee to increase our faith and knowledge, and to enlighten our hearts with thy holy Spirit: that we may in the mean time live in Godly Conversation and integrity of life, knowing that Idolaters, Adulterers, covetous men, contentious persons, Drunkards, Gluttons, and such like, shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. And because thou hast commanded us to Pray one for another, we do not only make request, O Lord, for our selves, and for them that thou hast already called to the true understanding of thy Heavenly will, but for all people and nations of the world, who as they know by thy wonderful works,

thou

thou art God over all, so they may be instructed by thy Holy Spirit, to believe in thee their only Saviour and Redeemer: But forasmuch as they cannot believe except they hear, nor cannot hear but by preaching, and none can Preach except they be sent, therefore, O Lord, raise up faithful distributers of thy Mysteries, who setting apart all worldly respects, may both in their life and Doctrine only seek thy Glory. Contrarily confound Satan, Antichrist, with all Hirelings, who thou hast already cast off into a Reprobate sense, that they may not by Sects and Schisms, Heresies, and Errors, disquiet thy little flock. O Lord, thy People Israel, many times by their Sins, provoked thine anger, and thou punishedst them by thy just Judgement, yet though their Sins were never so grievous, if they once returned from their iniquity, thou receivedst them to Mercy: We therefore most wretched Sinners, bewail our manifold sins; and earnestly Repent us of our former wickedness and Ungodly behaviour towards thee: and whereas we cannot of our selves purchase us our Pardon, yet we humbly beseech thee for Jesus Christ's sake, to shew thy mercy upon us, and receive

us

us again to thy favour. Grant us, dear Father, these our requests, and all other things which are necessary for us, and thy whole Church, according to thy promise in Jesus Christ our Lord; In whose name we beseech thee as he hath taught us, saying, Our Father, &c.

An Evening Prayer for a Family.

O Lord God, Father everlasting and full of pity, we acknowledge and confess that we be not worthy to lift up our eyes to Heaven, much less to present our selves before thy Majesty, with Confidence that thou will hear our Prayers, and grant our Requests, if we consider our own desert: For our Consciences do accuse us, and our Sins witness against us, and we know that thou art an upright Judge, which dost not justifie the sinners and wicked men; but punishest the faults of all such as transgress thy Commandments. yet most merciful Father, since it hath pleased thee to command us to call on thee in all our troubles and adversities, promising even then to help us, when we feel our selves as it were, swallowed up of Death and desparation, we utterly Renounce all

wholy confidence, and flee to thy Soveraign bounty, as our only stay and refuge: beseeching thee not to call to remembrance our manifold sins and wickedness, whereby we continually provoke thy wrath and indignation against us: Neither our Negligence and unkindness, which have neither worthily esteemed, nor in our lives sufficiently expressed the sweet comfort of thy holy Gospel revealed unto us; but rather to accept the obedience, and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, who by offering up his body in Sacrifice once for all, hath made a sufficient recompence once for all our Sins. Have Mercy therefore upon us (O Lord) and forgive us our offences; teach us by thy holy Spirit, that we may rightly weigh them, and earnestly repent for the same: And so much the rather, O Lord, because that the Reprobate, and such as thou hast forsaken, cannot please thee, nor call upon thy Name; but the repenting heart, the sorrowful mind, the Conscience oppressed, hungring and thirsting for thy Grace, shall ever set forth thy praise and Glory. And albeit we are but worms and dust, yet thou art our Creator, and we the works of thy hands; yea, thou art our Father, and we thy

Children,

children; thou art our Shepherd, and we thy flock, thou art our Redeemer, and we thy people whom thou hast bought: thou art our God, and we thine Inheritance; correct us not therefore in thine anger, O Lord, neither according to our deserts, punish us, but mercifully chastise us with a Fathers affection. Finally, forasmuch as it hath pleased thee to make the Night for Man to rest in, as thou hast ordained him the Day to Travel in: Grant, O dear Father, that we may so take our bodily rest that our Souls may continually watch for the time that our Lord Jesus Christ shall appear for our deliverance out of this Mortal life, and in the mean season, that we, not overcome by any fantasies, dreams, or other temptations, may fully set our minds upon thee, love thee, fear thee, and rest in thee: furthermore that our sleep be not excessive or abundant, after the insatiable desires of our flesh, but only sufficient to content our weak natures, that we may be better disposed to live in all Godly Conversation, to the Glory of thy Holy Name, and profit of our Brethren; Amen.

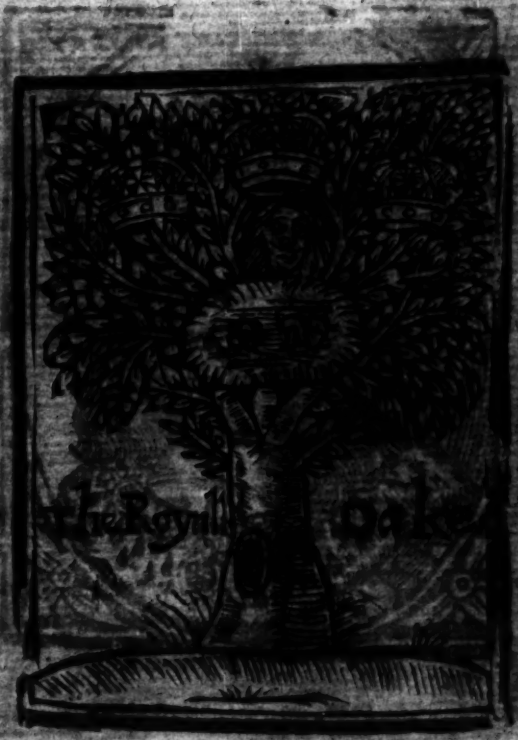
FINIS.

Courteous READER,

THere is lately publiſhed an Excellent and profitable Sermon, called, The Chriſtians bleſſed choice. Likewiſe Chriſts firſt Sermon; alſo Chriſt's laſt Sermon, and the Chriſtians beſt Garment. Alſo Heavens Glory, and Hells Horror. And a Warning-piece to the ſloathful, idle, careleſs, drunken, and ſecure ones of theſe laſt and worſt of times. Very Godly Books, and are but three-pence a piece.

Likewiſe:

1. Englands Faithful Phyſitian.
2. The dreadful Character of a Drunkard.
3. Dooms-day at hand.
4. The Father's laſt Bleſſing to his Children.
5. The Black Book of Conſcience.
6. The ſin of Pride Arraign'd and Condemn'd.
7. The Plain-man's plain Path-way to Heaven.
8. Death Triumphant.
9. The Charitable Chriſtian.

All theſe Books written by John Hart, *Dr. of Divinity, and are to be Sold by* W. Thackeray, *and* T. Paſſinger.

All very neceſſary for theſe Licentious Times.